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Canadian Tire staff got into the Halloween spirit. See more photos on page 14.

## OPP refuse to give up on missing man

By Matthew Desrosiers

The search continues for a missing Toronto man in Minden Hills.

Robert Anthony "Tony" Gorassi, 63, was last seen on Oct. 25 in the area of Queen's Line Road and Highway 118.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have been searching the area since Thursday with the assistance of the Central

Region Emergency Response Team and Canine Unit.

As of press time, they had found no trace of Gorassi.

"We're still searching," said OPP Constable Sandy Adams.

"We will continue to search until we have nothing left to search."

Nineteen emergency response officers were scouring the area on ATVs and on foot yesterday, along with two dogs. They have also expanded their media alerts to include all of

Ontario, in the hope that he turns up in a shelter somewhere.

Adams said Gorassi was in the area visiting friends, but that it was still unclear exactly how he became lost.

"He probably became disoriented [in the woods]," she said. He has no family in the immediate area.

As the days continue to go by, Adams said it's hard to say what condition they will find him in.

See "Police" on page 7

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## EMS keeps third spare ambulance

By Lisa Harrison

The county's emergency services department has received council approval to purchase a new emergency response vehicle and retain one that would otherwise have been sold this year, bringing the fleet total to seven.

The department purchases a new vehicle and sells the oldest annually, but at the Oct. 24 council meeting, director Pat Kennedy requested the oldest vehicle become a third spare.

Currently the department has four vehicles available with two spares. Kennedy said this is no longer effective as one to two times per month an incoming shift is without a vehicle for 30 to 45 minutes due to maintenance, shifts on overtime and/or multiple trucks supporting other jurisdictions such as Lindsay.

He reported a seventh vehicle would help remedy that, help meet deployment plan service level requirements, ease vehicle maintenance scheduling and provide extra capacity in case of lengthy repairs or a large emergency event.

Council approved Ridgeway Ford's tender of \$36,379.22 for a 2013 Ford Explorer all-wheel drive vehicle within the 2012 budget. Conversion work and emergency equipment installation by Rolands Emergency Ltd. for an estimated \$12,000 were also approved, to be funded from the EMS equipment reserve.

However, retaining the oldest vehicle sparked discussion.

"I don't have any problem that we would keep the vehicle that would normally be used as a trade-in," said Councillor Liz Daniels. "What I have a difficulty with at this point in time is saying increase the fleet size...it's buying two down the line somewhere."

Councillor Barb Reid concurred.

Kennedy reported the vehicle is fully depreciated under provincial funding amortization schedules so no funding would be lost. The annual maintenance budget would increase by approximately \$5,000 and the disposal loss in the 2013 budget would be \$4,000 to \$6,000. Annual disposal of the oldest vehicle would resume in 2014.

He acknowledged the department would also now need to purchase two ambulances in every fifth or sixth year. As for



File photo

adding staff, "that's not the intent of this at all."

"I have a problem with crews coming in and having no vehicles available," said Councillor Carol Moffatt, but added it could be a "slippery slope" where even 14 ambulances weren't enough depending upon circumstances. "I would trust that [the department] would have regard for that."

"If we find that keeping this truck too long is not efficient then we can go back and revisit it," said Kennedy.

Having heard the arguments, Daniels concurred.

"I do still feel like it's a bit of a financial trap, but I certainly don't like the thought that there's no vehicle for a period of a half an hour. That's somebody's life and when it comes down to that, I can't argue it."

"We're here to manage Pat's recommendations, and if things are not right, we'll have to make decisions," Warden Murray Fearney concluded.

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# Editorial opinion

## More trick than treat

Halloween is past, and hopefully all you boils and ghouls had a scare-tastic evening, pillaging the villages for tasty treats.

Despite the daunting weather, some ambitious youngsters braved the elements to go door to door on this, one of the more interesting holidays of the year.

I was going to use the word creative, but it didn't really fit. Halloween used to be a holiday to make MacGyver proud, but no more.

In the old days, if you needed something to carry your candy, you used a pillowcase. Now, you buy little pumpkin buckets.

Want a sword to round out your warrior costume? An old box, scissors, tape and spray paint will do the trick. Or stop in at the dollar store and buy a plastic one you can poke your friends with later.

I went out one year as a clown, wearing a snowsuit that was blue, with red dots painted on my face. I was proud of that costume! Now, for \$15 I can stop at a store, buy a factory-made costume complete with wig, nose and makeup.

Sure, it might be easier to tell what I am, but where's the fun in that?

The kid costumes are cuter than ever. The adult costumes are, well, more adult than ever. But somewhere along the way, the hands-on, do-it-yourself costume making that was a staple when I was young has been lost.

When you stop and think about it, Halloween has officially gone from the cool holiday to the sell out that Christmas, Easter and Canada Day have already become.

Christmas decorations, whether in the house or on the trees, aren't strings of popcorn or homemade gingerbread ornaments anymore, but store-bought baubles and knick knacks that are rather generic and sometimes tacky. You can see them in stores now.

Easter is even worse.

The pink and blue bunny barrage is on full force. You don't need to paint your eggs anymore when you can buy colourful plastic ones instead.

I remember Halloween being that day everyone looked forward to because it was fun, zany and, depending on your level of commitment, completely awesome.

It's now as generic as every other holiday, killed by commercialization.

If you don't believe me, think back to that Halloween party you just came from. How many sexy nurses, cats, vampires or superheroes, in store-bought costumes, did you see? Were you one?

Twenty years ago you would rarely see the same costume twice because they were all homemade. Two monsters didn't look alike, and every clown was different.

Instead of asking "how did you make that?", today's Halloween-ers are asking "did you buy that at the costume store, too?"

The one benefit of holiday commercialization is that it no longer requires such a commitment of time and effort to participate in it. That means more homes are decorated and every kid can get excited to look exactly like their favourite superhero.

But half the fun of Halloween was trying to figure out how to make it happen with the random stuff you had lying around your house. That's something that's lost nowadays.

Halloween used to be a holiday for do-it-yourselfers to strut their stuff but now it's about who can find the best in-store deals, and that's a shame.



By Matthew Desrosiers

## Photo of the week



Photo by Angela Andrews

This rainbow brings some cheer to Head Lake Park.

## A bad call

Our MPP Laurie Scott was in town this week to present the Queen's Jubilee Award to Barb Bolin for her many years of community service (see story on page 8). In giving the award, Ms. Scott mentioned that it wasn't a problem to come to the Highlands mid-week — Dalton McGuinty's proroguing of the legislature has given all MPPs some extra free time. While we're glad to be the beneficiaries of this unscheduled break, in a big picture sense we're all actually big losers.

By now we should all be familiar with prorogation, the suspension of parliament until either the next election or a date selected by the head of government. Stephen Harper used it to avoid a looming vote of non-confidence. Now it seems McGuinty is using it to duck a wave of questions and inevitable investigations regarding what is, by my count, the third major scandal of his tenure as premier, the power plant fiasco; scandals one and two were eHealth and Ornge, respectively.

Prorogation is the political equivalent of locking yourself in the bathroom and refusing to come out. The procedure is supposed to be rare. Lately, however, it has been used by both provincial and federal governments to avoid what they detest most about their jobs: accountability. Life would be so much easier, they figure, without all those pesky questions from committees and members of other parties.

In order to prorogue parliament, the premier had to ask permission from the lieutenant-governor, David Onley. Under our constitution, Onley is the Queen's representative in Ontario. His powers include the right to veto legislation, though by convention this is never done. They also include the right to appoint a premier which, also by convention, is always the leader of the party or coalition with the most seats, though technically it could be any MPP with enough support.

While the lieutenant-governor's powers

are traditionally symbolic and it's the government that writes the laws and runs the province, he does have one real obligation: to make sure there is a government. With McGuinty refusing to come out, there isn't one. When he asked Onley to prorogue the legislature, the lieutenant-governor did have a choice: he could accept the proposal, as he has done, and allow the premier to shut it down indefinitely; or he could have refused and forced the legislature back into session, possibly leading to a vote of no confidence. If that vote were to go against the government, there would be another choice, either to dissolve the legislature leading to an election, or to invite the leader of the next-largest party to try to form a government.

Onley made the wrong decision.

He forgot the essential element of a parliamentary democracy: nobody elects the premier directly. They elect representatives, and the premier is selected by the lieutenant-governor. The point is, if a premier is no longer prepared to face the legislature, the lieutenant-governor is within his rights, perhaps even his obligations, to select another one after either a vote of non-confidence or a request for dissolution.

But Onley did not do that. He instead acquiesced to McGuinty's request for the virtual, if only temporary, lifting of any accountability to the electorate.

As it stands, Onley and his fellow lieutenant-governors and Governors General have allowed themselves to be effectively stripped of the final weapon left in their arsenal of royal prerogatives — the ability to force rogue leaders to face the music when it counts. If we don't have that, we're essentially a republic, but one without any checks on executive power. We deserve better than that.



By Bram Lebo

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# Letters to the editor

## Heat-Line open letter response

Dear editor,

I'd like to say, right off, that I have a great deal of respect for Lorne Heise, president and CEO of Heat-Line and LIMNION Corporations (see An open letter to Algonquin Highlands council, *The Highlander* Issue 55, page 5). As a business person, an innovator and a job creator, Algonquin Highlands has been lucky to have benefitted from his decision to locate his business(es) here. I have personally recommended Heat-Line a number of times with at least one significant sale as a result. I won't hesitate to do so again... but...

Mr. Heise states that his decision to locate his business(es) here was influenced by the 1984 Airport Master Plan (a document so deeply flawed that its preliminary runway proposal needed to be redrawn twice and whose cost estimates were off by about 60 per cent) and the County's Economic Development Marketing Plan of 1999, from which he pulls a quote that I might even use myself: "...the municipal lands adjacent the Stanhope Airport are one of the county's strongest opportunities..." Adjacent is the important word, not airport.

At the time the county's report was produced, the airport and its adjacent Algonquin Highlands municipal lands totalled just a shade over 100 acres and there was simply no question of second runways in their calculations. Even at that stage there was enough under-utilized municipally controlled land to present an opportunity to be pursued.

Unfortunately the township councils of the period from 1984 to 2010, with the help of some former staff members, some airport expansion enthusiasts such as Mr. Heise and some truly poor legal and technical advice, were somehow convinced that economic development could only be spurred by spending millions of dollars for a second runway. They spent almost no time on economic development planning – the runway was the plan and everything else would follow.

Mr. Heise is right: the request for proposal signals a change of focus; the focus is now economic development that might

eventually include airport expansion, as opposed to airport expansion that might magically produce economic development. Aiming to attract the greatest number and variety of potential business partners with affordable actions makes more sense than paying millions of dollars to target a sector of industry that is less than half of one per cent of the total.

Mr. Heise has said several times to me, in public and even in front of members of the former and current councils, that Heat-Line does not need an airport to work, let alone a second larger runway. The connection between Heat-Line (and now LIMNION) and the airport is a taxi-way to a hangar that houses Mr. Heise's personal aircraft. He may use planes to do some of his business, but as an enjoyable convenience, not a necessity.

It's hard to see any problem with getting substantial additional building space; the municipally-owned property around the airport is now more than 300 acres, (and nearly twice the area of the two lots he owns could be freed by dropping the runway) so I don't understand what is holding back his expansion. If there is something council is doing to block him I'll go with him to the township office and complain.

The current direction council appears to be taking with RFP #2012-005, is to attract businesses first, rather than airplanes, by way of responsible planning.

Sadly, in insisting on a return to the original plan, what Mr. Heise seems to be saying is he wants to see the whole package, including a runway he doesn't need, or he is going somewhere else with his jobs. I am hoping that this is not what he means, because – let's face it – that's an awful lot like blackmail.

If someone, somewhere along the way, had promised them a big second runway, I am sorry about that. Anyone who might have done that is gone now and the "visions", "plans" and "considerable money and time (that) has already been spent..." are exactly why they are gone.

Andy Muirhead  
Stanhope

## What's the fuss?

Dear editor,

Some will argue that it's no big deal that the Harper government has decided to protect only a handful of lakes and rivers in Canada. So what's the fuss all about?

On the surface, this might look like a valid observation. We have millions of water bodies in Canada and most of them are quite healthy. But let's look at it more closely.

Right now, any obstacle that might interfere with navigation on a water body must get federal approval. The provincial governments have jurisdiction over land, but not over water – unless fish habitat is disturbed. Municipalities can pass bylaws governing what is constructed on land, but not on water. Water bodies are, generally speaking, a matter of federal control.

So, if someone wants to set up a water skiing slalom course at any location on a lake they must first get approval from the Canadian Coast Guard. If they want to set up a ramp for ski jumping, they also need federal approval. If they want to set up netted pens for fish farming – same thing.

## Wake up call

Dear editor,

I am by profession an educational assistant. I have always been proud to say I am a Canadian because I know firsthand how highly regarded Canada is on the global scope. Canadians stand for freedom, democracy and human decency.

But with the recent passing and enforcement of Bill 115 by the McGuinty government, I truly fear the future.

I have for some time now had a growing mistrust of our politicians and the sly dictatorial manner that Bill 115 has been hoisted onto the public sector is frightening. All those standing back, pointing a finger at teachers and stating, "they have no right to protest!" should take a second look.

Lumped into that same Bill are 50,000 school support staff – your children's EAs, secretaries and custodial staff. These are not highly paid positions. They are the middle

If the omnibus budget bill gets passed, things will change for most lakes and rivers in Canada. No longer will federal approval be needed for things to be constructed on unprotected lakes and other water bodies. The provinces and municipalities have little or no control.

Do you want to see a fish farm or ski ramp built in front of your cottage or home? To say that a lot of people will be upset will be an understatement.

There are also concerns about dumping effluent. The Harper government has loosened restrictions in the Fisheries Act on companies discharging waste into water bodies. Companies do not need provincial approval if the feds say that it is OK. Can anyone imagine the impact if uranium mining takes off in Highlands East or the Bancroft area?

We don't need another Sydney Tar Pond or Love Canal in Canada. But it could happen when our water bodies are not protected.

Dennis Choptiany  
Koshlong Lake

class wage earners trying to keep their heads above water just like everybody else! We have already heard that the government has no intention of stopping with these professions – nurses, municipal staff, ministry offices, firemen, hydro... we are all vulnerable.

The protest against Bill 115 is about the violation of our constitutional right to free collective bargaining. The Bill is formally named "Putting Students First Act". I suggest to you that unless we stand firmly against this undemocratic process, we are doing a disservice to our children.

What kind of country will be their inheritance? Certainly not the country our veterans fought the Great Wars for! They fought for freedom and democracy. Are we prepared to forfeit their efforts without a fight?

Faith Aggett  
Minden

## The Outsider — Presents of mind and bodies

By Will Jones

Politicians are forbidden to take presents from members of the public, I believe, for fear that favours may be sought in return.

Similarly, newspaper writing types like myself must be wary of folks bearing gifts lest our journalistic integrity be questioned. And so it was with trepidation that I took stock of a message from the Highlander office last week.

"We've had a phone call from a lady in Minden. She says she always reads your column and, after reading this week's, thinks she's got something you might like," said my editor.

In order to protect my aforementioned journalistic integrity (and to stop unsavoury people calling me up in the middle of the night) he'd refused to give out my contact details and instead passed on the lady's telephone number to me. This move also ensured that it would be entirely my fault if said lady did turn out to be a stalker, a private investigator searching for me following my escape from England, or a complete nutter!

I shuddered for a moment. Could this be my comeuppance? I listened to the message again. Blah blah... always reads your column... blah blah. My head swelled slightly and I reasoned that if she always reads my column she must indeed be a wonderful person. I went ahead and gave her a call.

Should I have done this? Maybe, maybe not. Was it the beginning of a slippery slope into a pit of self-loathing as I take 'gifts', backhanders, bribes for, say the mention of a certain local retailer or restaurant in my column?

The notion worried me for a moment, just as a flicker of guilt might have crossed the mind of our provincial premier as he cancelled a power plant project or Lance Armstrong as he had a minion administer his superpower-inducing elixir.

And then, the true implications of my actions hit me: I could name-check Norm's Smokehouse in the hope of receiving a free sample of his wonderful pepperettes. I might curry favour with Curries if I put a good word or two in print about their excellent service department. If I fancy a free dessert when dining at Hali's Bistro all I need do is mention their delectable bison meatloaf. All are businesses competing against near rivals and all would welcome a little free publicity, I reasoned.

My mind raced. There's Boatwerks, Outdoor Plus, The Kosy Korner... which other establishments do I use? What about Bruce's Barber Shop? Hmm, that might not work. As the only gents' barber in the area he sort of has a captive market. You're a fella who needs a haircut; you go to Bruce, which is great, so long as what you want is a short back and sides. I kid you; he does a great short sides and back, too!

But enough of these scandalous ideas for profiting from my missives and back to the gift from the lady who'd read my column. A day after making the call I was knocking on her door, the anticipation of what she had for me almost too

much to bear. It seems the missive that had resonated with her was the one in which Little Z and I had boiled and bleached a deer's skull that we'd found in the bush, such was our fascination with the dead critter's bones.

The gift, hmm... It turned out to be the skeleton of a deer's torso – from pelvis to neck with all bits in between, including some hair and flesh attached, too. The tale goes that years back she'd found the skeleton while out walking with her grandchildren, brought it back from the bush and covered it in acrylic lacquer to preserve it.

"My grandkids loved it," she said as I loaded it into the car. I was almost speechless, mumbling words of dumbfounded thanks as we parted company.

On getting home I duly showed the bizarre and somewhat macabre gift to Little Z. Yep, you guessed it, he loved it, too. That'll teach me for profiteering from my position of influence in these pages!



By Will Jones



# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: How has Halloween changed since you were young?



**Jason Glecoff**

Haliburton

It was not as supervised. We just went out and came back hours later. I go out with my children and so do most of the parents.

**Karen Sloan**

Haliburton

It is different here because I was raised in Toronto. Back then it was a big deal! We filled pillow cases with candy. We wore those little boxes around our neck and collected for UNICEF. They do not do that anymore.



**Ruth Carter**

Haliburton

That is easy. I don't go trick or treating anymore and I miss it! I really do not think that it is that different but people are more aware of the occult behind it.

**Lynn Childs**

Haliburton

One thing that has not changed is the crummy weather! People seem to enjoy decorating their houses more now than back in my day.



**Sharon Morissette**

Haliburton

There are far more private parties where our children are safe. Schools, churches and youth groups do a good job of having social gatherings for the children.

## THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: ELLIOTT

By Matthew Desrosiers

Jessica Elliott is a lifetime resident of Haliburton County.

Born in Haliburton but raised in Minden, this 26-year-old has only spent three months living outside of the county.

"I couldn't stay away," she said. "I love it up here, really I do."

Elliott is the mother of three children; Connor Swinson (stepson), 11, Galexie MacKenzie, 8, and Robert Swinson, 3. Two are with her common-law partner, Jami Swinson, while her daughter is from a previous relationship.

The family also has a pet chiweenie (Chihuahua and Dachschiund mix).

One of Elliott's favourite activities in the Highlands is swimming.

"I love to swim," she said. "When I was growing up, I lived by the lake for about seven years of my life. May 30, every day on my birthday, I'd go swimming."

"Nowadays I don't because it's way too cold that time of year."

She said she would live in the Bahamas if it wasn't so far away.

Swimming is a passion she shares with her daughter, who takes swimming lessons year-round at an indoor pool.

"Galexie's great-grandma takes her because I'm usually working," she said. "It's for an hour every Tuesday."

Her daughter also takes dance lessons and is in Girl Guides.

"She's very busy."

With two working parents, it can be a challenge trying to make everything work.

"You don't get to see them [the family] a

lot," Elliott said. "Nighttime is not too bad, but I work all different hours. Sometimes I work until eight o'clock at night, so I see them to tuck them into bed, pretty much."

Although Elliott and her partner both work throughout the days, they're lucky to have support at home that keeps them from having to pay for expensive daycare.

"I have support with Galexie's great-grandma," she said. "She helps out a lot. She drives Galexie to her dance class and swimming lessons and picks her up. My mom watches the kids while I'm at work, so it's really good."

"That's why I love living here. All my family is up here."

Elliott also receives support of a different kind in the form of a support group hosted by SIRCH Community Services and Point in Time.

"On Wednesday I go to baby group with Robbie," she said. "We go to group, they make us lunch and we talk."

"Robbie really loves it," Elliott said. "He gets to play with kids his own age because he doesn't get to do that very often. He gets to

play with other kids and I get to hang out with other moms. We chat. It's really good. There's a lot of support there."

"I love it."

Elliott said it's good to get out of the house.

At times, guest speakers will talk during group sessions.

"They have the ladies from community kitchen come in and we help them make the community dinners, so it's fun."

While the moms spend time together, their



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Jessica Elliott, mother of three and Haliburton resident.

kids are looked after by volunteers. They also do crafts together, and always have a circle time where the mothers and their children sit in a circle and sing songs.

"They're really supportive," she said. "Even if you're having a bad day, they'll take you aside to have a chat."

With everyone working, and the kids busy with their programs, Elliott said she doesn't get as much time with her family as she would like.

"The Wednesday group with Robbie and I is really good," she said. "It's like me and Robbie time. But me and Galexie don't get a lot of that time because she's always busy with her after school stuff and I'm always working."

"I try to make time, but it can be hard."

When the family does have time to be together, you'll find them out at the park with their dog, or going out for walks.

On Halloween night, you might have seen the family patrolling Haliburton's streets. Galexie, a fan of the Twilight Saga, was dressed as a vampire. Robert, on the other hand, was dressed as the Hulk, or the Green Smash, as he calls him.

Despite winter's fast approach, Halloween won't be the last time this year the family gets outside to enjoy some time together. When the snow falls, Elliott will be looking for the biggest hill around, toboggan and kids in tow.

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# Highlander news



Photo by Matthew Deerosiers

David Porteus (left) and Chuck Desroches of Georgian Bay Volunteer Search and Rescue return from a long day in the bush searching for a missing Toronto man.

## Police seek public's assistance with search

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"We've had some inclement weather," she said. "We're hoping upon hope [we find him safe]. As time goes on, the reality is with our weather, his chances of survival are less if he's out in the woods with no shelter, no food and no water."

Police are asking for the public's assistance in finding Gorassi.

"We're still appealing to the public for any sightings they've had, particularly on Thursday [Oct. 25] evening, in that area of Queen's Line and 118," Adams said.

In a press release, the OPP requested residents in the area to check any outbuildings and shelters on their property, and any adjacent seasonal properties, where Gorassi may have taken shelter.

Gorassi is described as approximately 5'8" tall, 155-lbs with a medium build. He has black hair with a grey bushy beard. He was last seen wearing black track pants, a dark blue t-shirt and dirty white running shoes.

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# Highlander news

## Stewardship a political issue: Hodgson

By Mark Arike

Chris Hodgson returned to Haliburton on Oct. 26 to talk about the role that politics play in stewardship initiatives.

"The world has changed in a lot of ways," said Hodgson, who gave his presentation at the "Seeing the Forest for the Trees" conference hosted by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The full-day event was held at the West Guilford Community Centre.

"Back in the early 90s the province was running a deficit of over \$10 billion, they were laying off conservation officers, they were closing operating parks... Well maybe things haven't changed that much," he joked.

Hodgson, who is the current president of the Ontario Mining Association and a former MPP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, explained that the government focuses on two things: policy and money.

"Both are important and both need to be balanced, and both have to be put into the context of the times."

In 1993, when he served as Warden of Haliburton County, Hodgson saw the government cancel the forest tax rebate program.

"The [Ministry of Natural Resources] MNR was told to find some savings and they decided to cancel the managed forest tax rebate. There was a lot of protest [locally],

and there was a lot of protest across Ontario."

During that time, Hodgson met with several local constituents to address the matter. The same point that came up was that the rebate program made the numbers work in order for people to afford to keep woodlots and private lands sustainable.

In 1994, Hodgson became the MPP for the area after winning a by-election. One of his platform commitments was to reinstate the forest tax rebate.

"I got appointed as a third-party critic of Natural Resources... Not many people took it seriously at that time."

His party also made other stewardship promises, two of which included opening the parks and expanding the parks system.

It's Hodgson's belief that the MNR is about managing people.

"The natural resources pretty much look after themselves," he said, explaining how many resources have found a way of regaining their health without any human intervention.

As someone who grew up in Haliburton, Hodgson found it easy to develop an appreciation for the outdoors.

"In Haliburton County you need to have a good environment to have a strong economy," he said.

Hodgson was one of several speakers at the recent event, which was aimed at highlighting



Photo by Mark Arike

Chris Hodgson, president of the Ontario Mining Association and former MPP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, receives gifts from Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

private land stewardship.

"The idea of 'seeing the forest for the trees' is to look at the bigger picture, while at the same time looking at home," said Dave Bishop, general manager of the Haliburton Forest.

This year marks the Haliburton Forest's

50th anniversary as a private land steward.

The conference concluded with the unveiling of several young winners in the first annual "The Living Forest" art contest. The Haliburton Forest's artist in residence David Alexander Risk and his wife Sharon organized the contest.

## MPP presents Bolin with Queen's Jubilee award

By Matthew Desrosiers

In recognition of her dedication to community service, Barb Bolin was awarded a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal at the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) AGM on Oct. 30.

"It's a very hard selection process," said Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. "The Queen's Diamond

Jubilee medals... are intended to recognize outstanding individuals for volunteerism and impact within the community."

Scott said Bolin epitomizes that to a tee and that she is a tireless volunteer in the community.

Bolin spent 37 years as principal of the Fleming College Haliburton campus. Some of the organizations she has or is currently

volunteering with includes the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council, Sculpture Forest committee, the Haliburton Stewardship Council, HCDC, and recently Abbey Gardens.

Bolin is described as an ideas person and a great intellect who is always trying to better her community, Scott said.

"This is an amazing honour," said Bolin. "There are so many people who have done volunteer work that are deserving of the very same thing."

Bolin was raised in a family where volunteering was important, she said.

"My father was a huge volunteer when I was growing up, and it's something that I really admired about him and it's something that I wanted to keep doing."

There are both positives and negatives to devoting so much time to volunteering, she said. On one occasion, her daughter asked her "what kind of art thing are you dragging us to today?"

However, Bolin said she has received much in return.

"I've received so much from meeting so

many dedicated people in the community, developed friendships with like-minded people. My understanding and knowledge of the community has grown immensely because of volunteer efforts."

When Scott told her she would be receiving the medal and asked where she wanted the ceremony to be, she thought the HCDC would be the most appropriate location. Bolin stepped down at the meeting after 17 years with the organization. It was the end of her term.

"I felt the presentation today at the annual meeting would be [appropriate]," she said. "The award is because of contribution to the community, and [the HCDC] has been a huge part of my contribution to the community."

Although no longer on the HCDC board of directors, Bolin still has a lot on her plate. Her latest project, Abbey Gardens, will benefit from her attention.

"Abbey Gardens, being a new and huge project, needs time and attention," she said. "There are lots of fabulous projects and ideas there, so I'm hoping to be able to help them."



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## One plus one equals ten



Photo by Mark Arika

Albert 'The Mayor' Saxby and Amelia Edmunds pose with their debut album at a recent CD launch party held at the Rails End Gallery.

By Douglas Pugh

It may not be a mathematical equation that ranks up there with Einstein's theorems, but sometimes, just sometimes you come across combinations and duos in entertainment that together work as something vastly greater than merely two individuals.

One of these is Amelia and The Mayor. Combining the stunning, soulful vocals of Amelia Edmunds and the fabulous lyrics and rhythm guitar work of Albert 'The Mayor of Essonville' Saxby, this duo from Haliburton cross the borders between folk, country and pop and does it in such a way that lovers of each of those genres – and many more besides – will just fall in love with their sound. In this case, one plus one most definitely equals a solid ten out of ten (though there are 12 tracks).

It's hard to believe that this pairing have been together barely more than a year, or even that this is their debut album. The tracks are polished and professional, the words laced with so much meaning that they just latch onto your soul. Delivered by the incredible vocal capture of Edmunds, working over some superb backing bass vocals and guitar from Saxby, this album could – and should – win them legions of admirers around the world.

Launching with 'I just want to dance', surely their signature track for now at least, the album gets your attention and your feet tapping before rolling into the beautifully written 'Misused words'. No sooner have you dealt with hurt and rejection in those rich lyrics than you are taken into more upbeat and positive moods.

The second half of the album too is strong. With some delightful accompaniment across many of the tracks from other Haliburton musical talents such as Bethany Houghton, Charlie Davis, Brandon Humphrey, Ian Pay and Joe Truss, recorded in nearby West Guilford by Quantum Entertainment and mastered in Toronto by Silverbirch Productions, this album is beyond any mathematical equation. It is definitely far, far beyond the sum of its parts.

'Amelia' is an album that would not only fit in many a music lover's collection, but would be guaranteed to be one of the most played and memorable. Buy it, listen and in between listening to it again and again, tell your friends to buy their own copy.

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# Highlander arts



Photos by Mark Arke

Janis Parker (left) receives the Bill Lambie Arts Alive Minden award from Wayne Rose and Stella Voisin.

## Arts Alive honours 'amazing' Parker

By Mark Arke

Local artists and their work received the royal treatment during the seventh annual Arts Alive gala.

Nearly 150 people filled the upper level of the Minden community centre for the Oct. 27 event, hosted by Arts Alive Minden. The fundraiser featured a live and silent auction showcasing the work of 97 artists, dinner provided by Grill On the Gull and an award presentation.

This year's recipient of the Bill Lambie Arts Alive Minden award was local resident Janis Parker. The award, which was designed by John Lennard, Wayne Rose and Leo Sepa, is annually given to an individual who makes an outstanding contribution to the arts.

"Janis is an amazing woman. Most of you probably already know that," said Stella Voisin, the award presenter and widow of the late Lambie.

Parker, a former councillor for the municipality of Dysart

et al and current owner of Parker Pad & Printing Ltd., has long been an arts supporter in Haliburton County. In 2008 she donated the sculpture known as Kennisis to Haliburton's Fleming College campus. Voisin also noted Parker's

involvement with many local non-profit organizations.

"Janis is both a creative person and a hardworking organizer," she said.

Past winners of the award include the late Ross Rigney, Sylvia Rose, and Debbie Wales and Rickie Woods.

Each year, Arts Exposed raises between \$9-11,000. Proceeds from the event go back into the community to support arts, culture, history and literacy programs. In

the past, Arts Alive has donated \$45,000 to assist with the expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and \$15,000 for the construction of R.D. Lawrence Place. The organization has also provided close to \$24,000 in community grants to a number of projects.

*Janis is an amazing woman. Most of you probably already know that.*

**Stella Voisin**

## Casson's Oxtongue River immortalized on stone building



Photo submitted by Marlene Kyle

The outdoor mural of A.J. Casson's Oxtongue River by Gerry Lantaigne was installed at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre on Oct. 18.

By Lisa Harrison

An outdoor mural of an Oxtongue River painting by Group of Seven artist A.J. Casson has been completed and installed on the stone exterior of the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre.

The community centre committee commissioned the mural from Group of Seven outdoor mural artist Gerry Lantaigne earlier in the year with approval from Algonquin Highlands township and covered the approximate \$3,000 cost for the 8-by-10-foot mural through donations and sponsorships.

Casson painted often in the Oxtongue Lake region, staying at the Blue Spruce Resort. Lantaigne has painted dozens of outdoor murals by Group of Seven artists for buildings in Muskoka and other areas of the province.

Visitors to the township's Doors Open event in September were invited to apply their own brush strokes to the mural before it was finished.

Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle said the mural and a commemorative plaque will be officially unveiled on Canada Day 2013.

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# Highlander community

## School's Cool preps kids for class

By Matthew Desrosiers

When kids take their first step into the education system, leaving mom for the first time and headed to kindergarten, it can be a challenging period of transition.

The kids are unfamiliar with the new routine, people, and they don't understand what's expected of them.

Sonya Speare, a teacher with the Durham Catholic School Board and a parent with two young children, said the solution to these problems is simple.

SIRCH's School's Cool program. "It's for children who are entering kindergarten," Speare said. "It's a program that helps them get settled into school."

Speare said kids work on their language,

math and science skills, as well as their social skills.

The program is for children ages three to five. It takes place during the summer over six weeks at the schools where the kids will be attending kindergarten. They attend 'class' four days a week, for three hours each day.

"For me, it's been my husband, myself and my two kids," Speare said. "My oldest has been used to everything being together. I knew that if I didn't get her into the program, [come] September, kindergarten would have been lost. She would have cried, I already know that."

Although her daughter, Olivia, still cried on her first day of school, it was only for the first hour.

"Once she got used to and comfortable with

the teachers, and what was expected of her, she was fine."

Speare said she noticed a difference in Olivia after taking the program.

"Her social skills have improved," she said. "She has a sibling, but she's had to learn to share with children outside of the family."

She was also concerned with Olivia's language skills, not speaking enough or enunciating words properly. After School's Cool, however, not only has her language skills improved, but her vocabulary has increased to include scientific terms, as well.

"They do a lot of self-help skills, too." Children learn to wash their hands before they eat and when they're dirty, or to ask for help when they need it.

As a teacher, Speare said she notices the impact of School's Cool on the children she teaches.

"They're more mature," she said. "I can tell which kids, when they enter kindergarten, who has been in School's Cool or not."

Those who have may know certain songs from the program, or refer to their time there.

"What they can do in three hours every day is amazing," Speare said.

"Give them a week or two, the kids know to come in, find their name, show that they're here so attendance is done by the children."

"I think it's confidence building."

The skills learned at School's Cool help not only the children, but also teachers and parents, she said.

While some may think daycare or being at home with their child is just as good, Speare said it's a completely different atmosphere at School's Cool.

"It's more formal teaching."

Parents receive weekly reports from the program coordinator and instructors about their child's progress. This lets them know what their child is doing in the program, and what they need to work on.

"One of mine was that Olivia doesn't talk enough," Speare said. "She's very shy, so we worked on asking for help and standing up for yourself."

She said the reports were accurate.

"It's hang on," she said. "That is where my daughter is struggling or [is strong]."

For parents who feel their kids behave well at home or will do well in kindergarten, Speare said kids act much differently at school than at home. She sees it regularly in class.

Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH Community Services, created the program in 1998.

"It was an attempt to make sure that kids would like school and make sure they have the level of skills that they'll do well," she said.

The program focuses on language, math, social skills, self-help and psychological development.

Normally, SIRCH is able to fill two programs per year, between 15 to 22 kids per program in Haliburton County. The program, however, runs throughout the country.

"School's Cool is bigger than just here," she said. "The program is delivered by organizations right across the country." Robertson said Lisa Miller, the superintendent of education from the Durham District School Board, tracks kids who go in School's

Cool through to Grade 3.

"She's very clear that students who take School's Cool have higher test scores in Grade 3, which is huge."

Children who participated in the program had an overall developmental skill increase of 53.15 weeks over the six week period.

The program is administered by a coordinator and instructors. This year, it was a six-person team.

The cost is \$125 for the six-week program.

"Some of the spaces are subsidized," Robertson said. "Nobody need fear not getting their child in because they can't afford to pay."

Speare said her youngest, Ian, will be participating in the program this year.

"Ian is outgoing," she said. "He's the opposite of my daughter, but I'm still enlisting him this year."

"I love School's Cool."

*They do a lot of self-help skills, too.*

**Sonya Speare**



From left: Ian Myers, owner of Myers Chimney, Kathy Purc, volunteer business assistant, Kristian Berry, Myers Chimney employee, John Purc, volunteer dentist, Lisa Kerr, VDO board member, Skye Smith, VDO dental assistant.

Photo by Ashley Campbell

### Myers Chimney gives back

The Volunteer Dental Outreach has all the more reason to smile after a local business presented the non-profit organization with a cheque for \$1,000.

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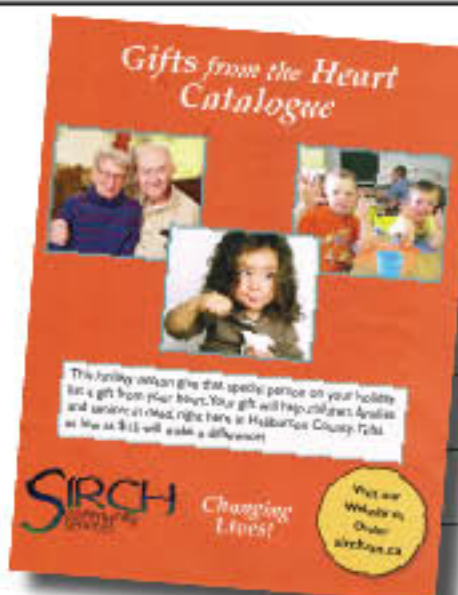
"It's a worthy cause and I want to encourage other positive things," said Myers. "A lot of people want to shelter money, and we're not about that. We want to give back to the community."

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# Highlander business



Photo by Mark Arike

Terri Matthews and Christoph Carl stand in front of their newly acquired business, The Pines On Boshkung. The pair took over the business, formerly known as Ruby's Cottage Resort, on Oct. 1.

## Restaurateurs dive into cottage resort venture

By Mark Arike

Terri Matthews and Christoph Carl were looking for a home when they came across a property located at 16541 Highway 35 in Camarvon.

"We were looking for a bigger house to live [in]," said Matthews. "It was a way to invest in a new business as well as having a home on the lake."

Matthews and Carl were left in awe as soon as they saw the property.

"It's gorgeous," said Carl, while Matthews added, "The waterfront is what sold us."

Matthews and Carl officially took over the business, formerly known as Ruby's Cottage Resort, on Oct. 1 and renamed it to The Pines On Boshkung Lake. Since then they've been busy getting the main building ready for their arrival, as well as the seven "rustic" lakefront cottages that overlook Boshkung Lake.

"We want to keep the same charm but with some updates," said Matthews.

The cottages include two bedrooms, a kitchen, living room and direct access to the beach.

Although Matthews recently sold a business (Haliburton Dance Arts) and Carl continues to run Rhubarb restaurant in Eagle Lake, they're looking forward to running a new venture.

"It's exciting because it's completely different," said Matthews. "It still gives me a chance to work with the public, but in a different capacity."

Sometime in the future the pair would like to bring food into the equation.

"We're going to offer some kind of food component, something that Chris will come up with."

They're also looking at running group events such as women's retreats and wellness weekends.

The cottages are open year-round and families are welcome. For reservations call 705-854-0568 or e-mail [thepinesonboshkung@gmail.com](mailto:thepinesonboshkung@gmail.com).



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# Highlander HALLOWEEN



Photos by Mark Arlke

## Halloween 2012

Top left: Lucy and Nicholas Neville trick or treat on the streets of Minden. Top right: A spooky decoration at the Bowron house, located at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Right middle: Alex Bell loads up a boat with non-perishable food items at Terror on Wonderland Road. Bottom right: Eighteen-month-old Lucas Upton collects treats from Highland Crest residents Olive and Jim Hamilton, and Doug Knight, on Halloween. Bottom left: Highland Crest resident Mary Forsyth gives candies to Kathryn and Sydney Christian.



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# Highlander outdoors

## Dashing through the snow

By Lisa Harrison

With the leaves nearly gone and cold weather lurking, outdoor enthusiasts' thoughts turn to skiing, skating and sledding of all kinds.

If you'd prefer a motor on your sled, and you haven't yet trekked into the world of snowmobiling, you may find yourself pleasantly surprised by the breadth of both the sport and the vehicle options.

Ontario now has more than 200 snowmobile clubs and close to 34,000 kilometres of trails, 350 km of which traverse Haliburton County and link with surrounding regions.

With the increased popularity of the sport has come an increase in the variety of snowmobile types. You can now purchase sled models ranging from junior through trail (entry-level), performance, touring, mountain and utility. Manufacturers are also creating cross-country variations and crossover combinations such as performance/touring. Trail models are

recommended for newcomers and those who want to ride well-groomed trails with ease. These sleds have engines in the 60-70 horsepower range and are lighter and easier to handle than other types. They can be equipped with electric starters and reverse gear. The price point is generally lowest of all adult models.

Junior or youth models are smaller versions of adult trail models. They offer safety features such as speed limiting and a tether strap that will stop the engine immediately if the rider slips off. Many use low-powered single-cylinder motors. They're available for riders aged eight and up, but to ride Ontario trails riders must be at least 12 years old and meet licensing requirements. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) or the Ministry of Transportation can provide more details.

Performance sleds offer 85 hp and up and due to engine size and suspension system differences they're heavier. Generally built for speed rather than comfort, they're responsive and great for racing. For these reasons they're

recommended for expert riders.

A touring snowmobile is your best bet for travelling long distances comfortably. These two-seaters are larger and heavier and usually have larger windshields, side-mounted mirrors, a backrest, electric start and reverse gear. At least one brand's crossover packs more than 170 hp. Higher-end models include amenities such as heated seats and MP3 players.

Riders looking for fresh powder in hilly terrain often choose a mountain snowmobile even without a mountain in the offing. Longer and narrower, these sleds have specially designed lug tracks for deep, heavy powder conditions and engines ranging as high as 177hp. They generally perform better on steep slopes than on trails.

Work or utility snowmobiles are just that. Built with a longer, wider, heavier chassis, this model comes with electric start and reverse gear and works well on both trails and heavy snow. They're often used to tow sleds or toboggans. Commercial versions such as those used in ski areas can transport several passengers.

Before you choose your sled you may want to travel with experienced friends and/or HCSA riders and get their recommendations, and/or rent a sled. Your local dealer will walk you through the different models and variations in greater detail.

Whatever model you choose, if you're trail riding you'll need a permit, which requires training. Some rental locations provide training, and the HCSA is offering three sessions beginning Dec. 1. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is recommended at 705-286-1444 or [driver.ed@hcsa.on.ca](mailto:driver.ed@hcsa.on.ca).



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# Highlander food

## Food for Thought

### Just which are best cuts?

By Will Jones

Nose to tail eating is what they call it in fancy circles: it sounds quite fun and a little bit disgusting at the same time.

However, other than using some of the more unusual bits like heart, intestine, trotters etc. (more of that in a later column, maybe), the nose-to-tail ideal is mostly about making sure that every bit of meat on an animal is consumed.

This is something that every meat lover should consider when buying a prime cut. What about the cheap cuts? Who's eating the lamb's neck, pork hock, oxtail?

And so to two recipes for venison: seeing as how many a family will be dining on the bounty of their hunt in the very near future. The first is a way of using up the tough bits, chopping them fine or grinding them to hamburger and then creating a fabulous hearty dish. The second, lest we forget the best bits, is a flavoursome twist for the primest of cut, the loin steak.

#### Venison Hash

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 450g (1lb) of ground or finely chopped venison (shoulder, neck, trimmings etc.)
- 3 onions, chopped
- 450g (1lb) cooked tomatoes (tinned will do)
- 2 jalapeno chilies, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon of chili powder
- 2 medium potatoes thinly sliced
- 175g (6oz) hard cheese, grated (cheddar is good)

Brown the meat in a large pan. Add the onions and cook until they are soft. Stir in the tomatoes, chilies, chili powder and a little salt and pepper and cook for about five minutes more – until everything is warmed through.

Spoon the meaty mix into a shallow oven proof dish and layer the potatoes over the top. Sprinkle the grated cheese over the potatoes, cover and bake for 45 minutes. Finally, remove the lid and bake for another 15 minutes or until nicely browned.

#### Venison steaks with lemon and redcurrant sauce

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 4 venison steaks
- 1 lemon
- 110g (4oz) redcurrant jelly
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 3 tablespoons of port
- 1 tablespoon of juniper berries
- 45g (1.5oz) butter, cut into small cubes and chilled

First prepare the sauce. Zest the lemon, squeeze the juice and save it. Bring the redcurrant jelly, cinnamon stick, port and lemon zest to a boil and simmer very gently for ten minutes. Then, add the lemon juice and beat in the butter.

Season the steaks with salt, pepper and crushed juniper berries then cook in a pan to your liking. Rest the steaks for a minute or two under aluminum foil then plate them and finish off by pouring over the redcurrant sauce.



## Ladies crank out 300 pies

By Matthew Desrosiers

Remember those delicious apple pies that grandma used to make?

You know, the ones you always bragged to your friends about, looked forward to every time you visited and brought home to freeze and keep for that special occasion?

Well, the ladies, and gentlemen, of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church have built an apple pie reputation of their own. Every year, they get together for their annual Pie Bee, baking pies to raise funds for the church.

They gathered on Oct. 24 and 25, turning the church's basement into a full-on bakery.

"We make 300 pies in two days," said June White, parish secretary. "We never do more than 300 because that's all we can do."

The basement is split up into sections, where volunteers peel and slice apples, add spices, place them into the bottom of the pie and, finally, install the tops.

"It started out as a fundraiser for a new organ [in the early 90s]," said White. "At first we did a mixture of four pies. Then we found we just couldn't keep up with that. It was far too intense."

"Over the years we've learned the only thing to do is apple pies."

Order forms go out in mid-October, she said.

"The orders go really quickly. Once the forms are out, people



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top: Anne MacNaull rolls dough to make the top of an apple pie. Above: Maria Pasqua finishes the pie.

sign up very rapidly. [Everybody must know] how good they are."

It's first come, first served when it comes to ordering the pies.

White said on one occasion their delivery driver was stopped on the street by a pedestrian and asked how much it would cost to buy the pies off the truck.

The pies are unbaked and frozen. Baking instructions are placed on the bag. They are sold for \$10 a pie.

White estimated they were able to raise approximately \$2,000 after expenses, but as of press time they did not have the final numbers.

If you missed out on this year's pie bee, make sure you get a jump on it next year.

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The new twist to this old ransomware virus is that now there's a picture of you using your computer taken by your webcam. Creepy!

This seems to make people more nervous as now they think the cyber police are actually watching them. What the virus simply does is activate your webcam and take a snapshot of you that is posted with the fake warning.

By keeping your antivirus up to date and regularly running malware removal software like Malwarebytes Anti-malware, you should be able to steer clear of this scam. However if you do become infected it's a good idea to seek professional help in removing it.

It never ceases to amaze me the imagination, time and effort online scammers go to to try and rip people off. If they used their skill for a more productive lifestyle, like say working for Microsoft, they could rip people off legally. Did I say that?

For comments or questions e-mail me at [computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca](mailto:computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca). Happy and safe computing.



By David Spaxman

## POPPY REPORT FOR 2011

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2011 Audit	\$500
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# Highlander sports



Photo by Warren Riley

Red Hawk #15 right inner Tanisha Gordon (right) intercepts the ball with Red Hawk #12 left defence Dakotah Francis covering.

## Red Hawks win COSSA championship

By Warren Riley

On Oct. 25, it was a balmy clear day over the HHSS Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field, where the Red Hawks hosted the semi-final and final games of the COSSA Championship.

The semi-final game between the Haliburton Red Hawks and Adam Scott ended in a resounding win for the home team. The final score was 4-0 for the Red Hawks, advancing the team to the championship finals against the Bancroft North Hastings Huskies.

The sky remained blue over the pitch but there were dark clouds forming over the Red Hawks as they were down at the start of the second half by one goal. An unfortunate sprained ankle sidelined Red Hawk #2 Ali Valleau, but her cheers of encouragement could be heard across the field.

Coach Caley Sisson held a pep talk at the end of the first half pointing to where the team needed improvement and it

seemed to work.

In the second half, the Red Hawks kept control of the ball with perfect interceptions, accurate push-passing and impeccable stickhandling. Goalie Jenny Woolacot kept the Huskies at bay with her stellar performance. This culminated in goals by Red Hawks' #17 Sandy Griffith and #14 Laura Pottier. The final score was 2-1 Red Hawks and the COSSA championship.

Coach Sisson was elated at winning the championship.

"During the first game our girls were a little bit nervous but they were able to shake the nerves off," she said. "We knew it wasn't going to be an easy win; we knew it wasn't going to be a walk in the park. Bancroft has a fantastic program with Allison Avery coaching for many years. They haven't won for three years and they came here to win."

"The team [Red Hawks] had their desire to win as they are very competitive girls," Sisson continued. "They needed

to keep their focus and keep their head in the game. That definitely was what led their drive. Their determination finally prevailed in the end."

The Red Hawks' field hockey team have won several COSSA championships according to Sisson.

"We won COSSA for the first time in 2009 and then we won COSSA in 2011 and again this year," she added. "I just feel [great having] the ability to work with such an incredible group of girls and I credit them with their commitment to the program. We've set the bar high for them and they have never let us down."

"They came to play and gave 100 per cent. They love to win. As a coach, I'm extremely proud of them and [they] definitely made... us proud."

The Red Hawks will now be one of sixteen teams competing for the best team in Ontario in the provincial championships.



# Highlander sports

## Red Hawks advance to quarter finals



Red Hawks defender jumps to block a Titan's shot.

By Warren Riley

The HHSS Girls Red Hawks Senior Basketball team defeated the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans 33-28 at home on Oct. 25.

The win advances the Red Hawks to the quarter finals.

Coach Dave Waito gave positive comments concerning the game outcome.

"We're proud of the girls for playing a hard-nosed defence, especially in the second half," he said. "Coming to the end of the season you hope that a lot of things collect and fall into place. You peak right before playoffs and that's exactly where

they are at."

"The girls are playing really well together and going into the playoffs, defence [is] how you win and that's what made us win tonight."

Waito said the quarter finals are next for the team on Nov. 1. He felt support was needed in small areas of the team's game if they were going to make it deeper into the playoffs.

"[We have to make] sure we all know our assignment press and making sure everyone knows where they are supposed to be on offence. We must fine-tune the pick-and-roll options."

Photo by Warren Riley

## Athletes to watch



Photo by Warren Riley

## Having a goal in life

By Warren Riley

For 17-year-old Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Ali Hicks, juggling multiple sports with her academics has become her norm.

Hicks has the innate ability to excel scholastically all the while maintaining high marks in the mid 90s. She is able to blend both sports and academic subjects successfully.

Her athletic roster consists of five sports.

"I play field hockey, snowboarding, volleyball, badminton and track and field," she said.

In a large county with one high school, multiple sports activities can become a hardship on travel arrangements. With the recent acquisition of a driver's licence, Hicks is now able to convey herself and two sisters to school relieving that responsibility from her parents.

"My mom always comes to watch the games. My dad works out of town but they both have been very supportive all through high school," Hicks said when asked if her school activities interfere with maintaining some sense of contact with her parents.

"This semester I'm taking french, biology and advanced functions [mathematics]," said Hicks. "I usually aim for 90s and I intend on going to university. I have four choices right now: McMaster, Queen's, Western and Guelph universities.

Hicks' goal in life is to become proficient in the study of the human body and eventually a career in the medical world.

"I want to study kinesiology and the human body. Being a doctor would be an interesting thing to do so I'm definitely aiming towards that."

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## OBITUARIES

### Etta Dovell

(Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)



Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with her family by her side on Saturday afternoon, October 27, 2012 in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Floyd Dovell (1985). Loving mother of June (Grant) of Gooderham. Fondly remembered by her grandson Cory (Jenna) and by her great grandson Alex. Dear sister of George (Ruth) of Renfrew. Predeceased by her brothers Harcourt (Sonny), Harold and sisters Doris, Pearl and Betty. Also lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law Leola and brother-in-laws Don Watson and Ernie Warren. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

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# Highlander sports

## Girls Storm defeat Wildcats



Photo by Warren Riley

Wildcat goalie stops Storm's #18 Sydney Feir.

By Warren Riley

The difference between a mover and a shaker is initiative. In the hockey game on Oct. 27 between the Girls Highland Storm Midget 'B' and the Leaside Wildcats, Storm perseverance paid off.

Both teams were well-matched. The Storm were accurate with their puck control constantly moving it into the Wildcat's end. The Wildcats refused to be intimidated.

Both teams took advantage of breaking and lead passes. Scoreless at the end of the second period, it became anyone's game.

With seven seconds remaining in the third period, the Storm's Erin Little picked up a loose puck in the Wildcats' end-zone and scored amongst a furor of players. Final score 1-0 Storm.

"It's our loop. Leaside has three 'BB' teams in our group," Storm Coach Dan Marsden said when asked about the game results.

"There's Whitby, Clarington and Lindsay. We have played the other two teams and we lost 2-1 and 1-0 and won tonight 1-0."

All the games have been close in scoring according to Marsden.

"They were one or two goal games," he said. "A bounce goes our way instead of their way and there could be a tie or a win."

Marsden's goal for his girls' team is to constantly improve their skills.

"We've been telling the girls we want them to control the puck and try to create more offence," he said. "If we control the puck then we can control the pace of the play."

"We want girls to try and look for one another," Marsden continued. "That way they create things [plays] on the ice and we are trying to do that. Breakups are good; forechecks are good and we are getting turnovers. So, it was a good game to watch and the girls played well and it was a nice bouncy win to make it all seem better."

## Marmora tames the Storm

Submitted by Trish Phippen

The Highland Storm Novice travelled to Marmora on Oct. 27-28 for the Centre Hastings Tournament.

Despite outstanding goaltending by Damon Harriss, the Storm suffered two losses, putting the team in the 'C' finals. Although Harriss had a hard fought game, the final score was 6-4 for Norwood. Nick Phippen score two

goals and two assists, while Hunter Winder scored two goals.

Gage Hutchinson and Matthew Vargas each got one assist.

Phippen, Harriss and Hutchinson each received game MVP awards. Phippen and Harriss represented the Highland Storm in a tournament shootout with a four out of nine score for Phippen and six out of nine score for Harriss.

## Storm Peewee A dominate tournament

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Congratulations to the Highland Storm Peewee A team who won the Dan Bell Tournament in Bracebridge over the weekend.

This is a team that excels at a fast-paced, skill game with a fantastically well-balanced attack. As evidence, consider that each forward, Josh Boice, Kyle Cooper, Devyn Prentice, Alex Petrie, Nik Dollo and Ben Schmidt, all scored at least three goals throughout the tournament.

The defensive units of Carter O'Neill and Ryan Prentice, and Jacob Haedicke and Shawn Walker displayed outstanding resilience and swift puck moving ability and the goaltending tandem of Parker Smolen and Josh Bellefleur were absolutely phenomenal whenever tested.

In the final, the Storm met the Guelph Storm.

Though this led to some confused cheering from the fans, there was no mistaking which Storm team would prove to be more potent.

The first period was tightly contested but Dollo got things rolling in the second on a tap-in in front which was followed very quickly by Cooper who scored on a nice wrap-around.

Though Guelph was able to respond with one, Boice found himself all alone on a breakaway after stepping out of the penalty box to put things out of reach. Dollo added an insurance marker in the third. The Highland Storm won the game 4-2.

This was a complete team effort and everyone on the team stepped up to play some inspired, hard-fought hockey, impressively outscoring their opponents 30-7 over the five games.



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7:00 pm Café de Flore  
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# Highlander events

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>All Saints Day</b> A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations! 1	<b>Cribbage - Community Care</b> @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 <b>Liver Health and Hepatitis C Clinic - Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team</b> (7217 Gelert Road) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 2	 3	<b>Country Music Jamboree</b> - S.G. Nesbitt Arena from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 4
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>Contract Bridge - Community Care</b> @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 <b>Community Drum Circle - Rails End Gallery</b> @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330 5	<b>100.9 CanoeFM Bingo</b> @ 8 p.m., 705-457-1000 <b>Wii Bowling - Community Care</b> @ 9:00 a.m., 705-457-2941 <b>Minden &amp; District Horticultural Society's AGM</b> - Minden Comm. Centre @ 7 p.m., 705-288-3157 6	Send your events to ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca - FREE - Local events listings available at your finger tips. 7	On this day in 1971, Led Zeppelin releases "Led Zeppelin IV," which becomes the third-best-selling album ever in the US. 8
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>Cribbage - Community Care</b> @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 9	<b>Christmas Craft and Bake Sale - West Guilford Community Centre</b> @ 9 a.m., 705-754-2518 10	 11	<b>Contract Bridge - Community Care</b> @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 <b>Community Drum Circle - Rails End Gallery</b> @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330 12
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- On the ocean
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- Molasses
- Extra point, in football
- Famous loch
- Reduced in price (2 wds.)
- Butterfly catcher
- Military force
- Cigar residue
- Matters of little importance
- Made a difference
- Showed again
- Pharaoh's river
- Christmas
- Biblical vessel

### DOWN

- Sunup
- Understood! (2 wds.)
- Movie backdrops
- Taploca source
- Washington city
- Sabre
- Telescope part
- Hot, molten rock
- Most scarce
- ... a boy!
- Conceited
- Sunburn remedy
- Fasting time
- Thrilled
- Wedding band
- "You there!"
- Barter
- Show again
- Annoyed
- Trivial
- Sad cry

### ACROSS

- Small bomb
- Disintegrate
- Fencing event
- God of love
- Curtain
- Try
- Faring tool
- Ike's monogram
- Patch up
- Python's kin
- Smells
- Shredded
- Agreement to marry
- Related
- Spectacle
- New York's canal
- Urge
- Experiments
- Within earshot
- Breaks bread

### DOWN

- Of the countryside
- Wed on the run
- Hinder
- Infamous emperor
- Worship
- Eve's garden
- Guided
- Bureaucratic delay (2 wds.)
- Proverbs
- Anny
- Excessive excitement
- Most excellent
- "... upon a time..."
- Epochs
- Warning sign
- Insignificant
- Gumbo ingredient
- Mob scene
- Discontinues
- Colony insect

### Crossword 40019

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	SPUR	TRANSOM
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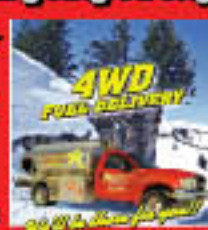
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## Going for an early morning spin



Photo by Mark Arke

Participants in the 8 a.m. class sweat for a good cause.

By Mark Arke

I'm not a morning person. Try and wake me from my precious slumber and you might be the recipient of an unintentional spinning backfist or the kind of verbal lashing your mother gave you when you wanted to skip school.

That's me most of the time. But give me a good enough reason to get out of dreamland and you'll be surprised by how fast I can kip up out of bed.

The morning of Oct. 27 was one of those once-in-a-blue-moon occasions. I had to be up (and alert) for an 8 a.m. spinning fundraiser at Haliburton Indoor Cycling. The cause: Haliburton County's Food for Kids program.

I knew not only was I going to be supporting a much-needed local program, but also that I'd be taking my first crack at riding a stationary bike for a full hour. No biggie, I thought to myself. I do plyometrics (jump training), go for runs and dance like it's nobody's business. Spinning should be a walk in the park.

I arrived at the event with a small donation, two bottles of water and a change of clothes. I was still groggy (caffeine hadn't yet entered my system). I had the pleasure of being seated next to Aaron Walker, coordinator of the Food for Kids program and soon-to-be spinning enthusiast.

Before I could put on my glow-in-the-dark headband and matching wristbands, the lights dimmed and our leader, Andrea Butera, instructed us to get ready to ride. We started with little tension, meaning that our legs were going round and round like The Road Runner's. Just as I was getting used to that comfortable pace of 80 RPMs, Butera switched things up on us.

"Increase your resistance a few notches and get ready to come up off your seat," she told us.

I didn't think much of the uphill climb.

After all, riding up a steep incline is nothing out of the ordinary in the rugged Haliburton Highlands.

But when the second round of these stand and ride combos came up, the burn began to hit me like a shot of ultra death hot sauce. It made me think of those grueling jump training sessions; the kind of workout I grit my teeth to get through. No pain, no gain, I reminded myself.

But Butera was kind enough to give us some of those smoother rides I previously mentioned. Those brief cool-down periods released the burn, while our sweat glands continued to work overtime, leaving us drenched.

In order to get through that early morning hour (and keep up with the other 11 spinners) I employed a variety of techniques to make it to the finish line. These included closing my eyes and looking down at the floor, daydreaming and throwing my arms from side to side like a marathon runner.

The bumping beats also encouraged me to keep going.

A few of the more determined spinners stayed for the second class, which started at 9 a.m. Kudos to them for persevering through two hours of rigorous riding and pure DNA removal (a catch phrase my P90X trainer, Tony Horton, uses to describe intense perspiration).

Due to Butera's generosity and the contributions made by the 23 riders (and three people who donated but stayed home), the event raised \$520. The funds will go directly to the program, which provides 3,500 breakfasts and snacks to students at seven schools across the county each week.

I'm happy to have been part of this experience. Except next time I may set my alarm a bit earlier. Perhaps that morning coffee would have gotten me through another round.



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## Minden Lake \$359,900



- w/ home - minutes to Minden
- 1,200 sq. ft bungalow, large double garage
- full walkout basement
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- park like setting, decking & docks

## On Waters Edge \$249,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 920 sq. ft.
- expansive view on quiet lake
- new docking, 10 x 4 shed
- lakeside screen porch, 17 x 10
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- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,334 sq. ft. home/cottage
- 340 feet natural shoreline
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## Long Lake \$219,000



- Well forested with towering pines
- south facing lot has 285' of frontage
- 3.4 acres to ensure privacy
- two lake chain, boating, sailing and fishing
- Haliburton village is close by for shopping & groceries

## Salerno Lake \$449,000



- open concept living/dining & kitchen
- 5 bedrooms for family & friends
- year round private lot
- exceptionally well maintained cottage/home



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## Pine Lake - \$449,000

- 125 feet sand beach, 1.3 acre lot
- 3 + 2 bdrm renovated yr old cottage
- Fully equipped winterized bunkie
- 3 bay detached garage
- Cozy family room, walkouts to docks



## Country Living \$239,000

- 3 bedroom bungalow renovated throughout
- private 2 acre lot overlooking Cranberry Lake
- new furnace, w/d, electric, insulation, plumbing
- master with ensuite, open concept, woodstone
- 1500 sq ft well maintained living space



Diane Knupp\*  
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## Haliburton Lake Executive \$529,000

- 5 bedroom luxury waterfront, 4,000 sq. ft.
- Cathedral ceilings, master with ensuite
- Kitchen with built in appliances, granite
- Full finished basement w/ family room
- Double car garage, 4 bathrooms
- 220 feet of pristine wide-in shoreline



## 155 Acres + Gravel Pit \$259,000

- 155 acre property
- 66 acres Class B sand/gravel pit
- Licence is fully transferable
- Close to village of Kinmount
- Teeming with wildlife
- Includes a large pond



## Affordable Cottage \$179,900

- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,200 sq. ft.
- access to Long Lake
- bedroom and sunroom walk-out
- garage, storage, workshop/bunkie
- year round municipal access



## Belair Lake \$874,900

- 4 + 1 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3,870 sq. ft.
- 168 ft waterfront in protected sand cove
- 3 door garage with workshop area
- custom kitchen, ensuite, 2 woodstoves
- games room, bar, bunkie, storage shed



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## 2315 Loop Road \$125,000

- 3 bedroom in town home
- walkout basement
- large back yard
- upgraded high efficiency oil furnace
- View of Dark Lake



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- privacy, clean shoreline & sunset exposure
- open concept cottage, bed in the loft
- 2 bdrm sleeping cove
- backing onto crown land
- sandy shoreline & deep diving
- cottage furnished & ready to enjoy!



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